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# BLOW-UP CRITERIA OF SMOOTH SOLUTIONS TO A 3D MODEL OF ELECTRO-KINETIC FLUIDS IN A BOUNDED DOMAIN

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ABSTRACT. We prove that a smooth solution of a 3D model for electro-kinetic fluids in a bounded domain breaks down blows up at the same time as certain norm of vorticity. This norm is weaker than bmo-norm.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a bounded, simply connected domain with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ , and  $\nu$  is the unit outward normal vector to  $\partial\Omega$ . We consider the following model of electro-hydrodynamics in  $\Omega \times (0, \infty)$  [1, 2]:

$$\partial_t u + (u \cdot \nabla)u + \nabla \pi = \Delta \phi \nabla \phi, \tag{1.1}$$

$$\operatorname{div} u = 0, \tag{1.2}$$

$$\partial_t n + u \cdot \nabla n = \nabla \cdot (\nabla n - n \nabla \phi), \tag{1.3}$$

$$\partial_t p + u \cdot \nabla p = \nabla \cdot (\nabla p + p \nabla \phi), \qquad (1.4)$$

$$-\Delta\phi = p - n, \quad \int_{\Omega} \phi dx = 0, \tag{1.5}$$

$$u \cdot \nu = 0, \quad \frac{\partial n}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \nu} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega \times (0, \infty),$$
 (1.6)

$$(u, n, p)(x, 0) = (u_0, n_0, p_0)(x), \quad x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3.$$
 (1.7)

The unknowns  $u, \pi, \phi, n$  and p denote the velocity, pressure, electric potential, anion concentration and cation concentration, respectively.

Equations (1.3)–(1.5) are known as the electro-chemical equations [3] or semiconductor equations [4, 5, 6], and electro-rheological systems [2, 7] when formally setting u = 0.

Equations (1.1) and (1.2) are the Euler equations with the Lorentz force  $(n - p)\nabla\phi = \Delta\phi\nabla\phi$ . Ogawa-Taniuchi [8] proved that a smooth solution breaks down if a certain norm of vorticity blows up at the same time. Here this norm is weaker than bmo-norm. Zhang and Yin [9] proved the global well-posedness of problem (1.1)-(1.7) when  $\Omega := \mathbb{R}^2$ .

Before presenting our results, we introduce some function spaces, and notation.

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Let  $\eta$ ,  $\phi_j$ ,  $j = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \ldots$  be the Littlewood-Paley dyadic decomposition of unity that satisfies

$$\eta \in C_0^{\infty}(B(0,1)), \quad \phi \in C_0^{\infty}(B(0,2) \setminus B(0,\frac{1}{2}))$$
$$\phi_j(\xi) = \phi(2^{-j}\xi), \quad \eta(\xi) + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi_j(\xi) = 1$$

for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , where B(x, r) denotes the ball centered at x of radius r. We first recall the space of Besov type introduced by Vishik [10].

**Definition 1.1** ([10]). Let  $\Theta(\alpha) \geq 1$  be a nondecreasing function on  $[1, \infty)$ .  $V_{\Theta} := \{f \in \mathscr{S}' : \|f\|_{V_{\Theta}} < \infty\}$  with the norm

$$||f||_{V_{\Theta}} := \sup_{N=1,2,\dots} \frac{\|(n\hat{f})^{\vee}\|_{L^{\infty}} + \sum_{j=0}^{N} \|(\phi_{j}\hat{f})^{\vee}\|_{L^{\infty}}}{\Theta(N)},$$

where  $\hat{f}$  and  $\check{f}$  denote the Fourier and inverse Fourier transforms.

We note that

$$\|f\|_{V\Theta} \le C \|f\|_{B^o_{\infty,\infty}} \le C \|f\|_{bmo} \le C \|f\|_{L^\infty}, \quad \text{if } \Theta(N) \ge N.$$

Now let us introduce the space of bmo type used in [8].

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $\beta(r)$  be a positive function on (0, 1] and  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a domain with  $\partial \Omega \in C^{\infty}$ .

(1)  $bmo_{\beta}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  is defined as the set of functions f in  $L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that

$$\begin{split} \|f\|_{bmo_{\beta}(\mathbb{R}^{3})} &:= \sup_{0 < r < 1, x \in \mathbb{R}^{3}} \frac{1}{|B(x,r)|\beta(r)|} \int_{B(x,r)} |f(y) - \bar{f}_{B(x,r)}| dy \\ &+ \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{3}} \frac{1}{|B(x,1)||} \int_{B(x,1)} |f(y)| dy \le \infty, \end{split}$$

where  $\bar{f}_B := \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B f(y) dy$ .

(2) On 
$$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$
 we define  $bmo_\beta$  as restrictions of the above space  $bmo_\beta(\mathbb{R}^3)$ :

$$bmo_{\beta}(\Omega) := \{ f|_{\Omega}; f \in bmo_{\beta}(\mathbb{R}^3) \},\$$

where  $f|_{\Omega}$  is the restriction of f on  $\Omega$ . The norm of this space is defined by

$$\|f\|_{bmo_{\beta}(\Omega)} := \inf\left\{\|\tilde{f}\|_{bmo_{\beta}(\mathbb{R}^{3})}; \tilde{f} \in bmo_{\beta}(\mathbb{R}^{3}) \text{ with } \tilde{f} = f \text{ in } \Omega\right\}$$

In particular if  $\beta(r) = 1$ , we write  $bmo_{\beta}(\mathbb{R}^3) = bmo(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and  $bmo_{\beta}(\Omega) = bmo(\Omega)$ . Obviously,  $bmo \subset bmo_{\beta}$  if  $\beta \ge 1$ .

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $\Theta(\alpha) \geq 1$  be a nondecreasing function on  $[1, \infty)$ .

$$Y_{\Theta}(\Omega) := \{ f \in L^1(\Omega) : \|f\|_{Y_{\Theta}(\Omega)} < \infty \},\$$

where

$$\|f\|_{Y_{\Theta}(\Omega)} := \sup_{p \ge 1} \frac{\|f\|_{L^p}}{\Theta(p)}.$$
$$M_{\Theta}(\Omega) := \{f \in L^1(\Omega) : \|f\|_{M_{\Theta}(\Omega)} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{M_{\Theta}(\Omega)} := \sup_{p \ge 1} \frac{1}{\Theta(p)} \sup_{0 < r < 1, x \in \mathbb{R}^3} \Big( r^{-3 + \frac{3}{p}} \int_{B(x, r) \cap \Omega} |f(y)| dy \Big).$$

We note that these spaces have the following relations.

$$\|f\|_{M_{\Theta}(\Omega)} \le C \|f\|_{Y_{\Theta}(\Omega)} \le C \|f\|_{bmo(\Omega)}.$$
(1.8)

Let

$$\beta(r) := \frac{\Theta(\log(e + \frac{1}{r}))}{\log(e + \frac{1}{r})}.$$

In this article we use the following assumptions:

(H1)  $\Theta(\alpha)$  is a positive and nondecreasing function on  $[1, \infty)$  satisfying

$$\int^{+\infty} \frac{d\alpha}{\Theta(\alpha)} = \infty, \quad \Theta(\alpha) \ge \alpha.$$
(1.9)

(H2) For all  $s \ge 1$  there exists C(s) such that

$$\Theta(s\alpha) \le C(s)\Theta(\alpha)$$
 for all  $\alpha \ge 1$ .

(H3)  $\beta(r)$  is a non-increasing function on (0, 1].

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Ogawa-Taniuchi [8] proved the following blowup criterion

$$\int_0^T \|\omega(t)\|_{bmo_\beta(\Omega)} + \|\omega(t)\|_{M_\Theta(\Omega_\epsilon)} dt = \infty,$$
(1.10)

where  $\omega := \operatorname{curl} u$  and for all  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\Omega_{\epsilon} := \{x \in \Omega; \operatorname{dist}(x, \partial \Omega) < \epsilon\}$  or

$$\int_0^T \|\omega(t)\|_{bmo_\beta(\Omega_{3\epsilon})} + \|\omega(t)\|_{M_\Theta(\Omega_{3\epsilon})} + \|\rho\omega(t)\|_{V_\Theta} dt = \infty, \qquad (1.11)$$

for all  $0 < \epsilon < \epsilon_0$  and all  $\rho \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  with  $\rho \equiv 1$  in  $\Omega \setminus \Omega_{\epsilon}$  and  $\rho \equiv 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \Omega$ .  $\epsilon_0$  is a small positive constant depending only on  $\Omega$ .

Since  $\beta(r) \geq 1$ , we have

$$\|f\|_{bmo_{\beta}(\Omega)} \le \|f\|_{bmo(\Omega)}.$$

By this inequality and (1.8), (1.10) implies

$$\int_0^T \|\omega(t)\|_{bmo(\Omega)} dt = \infty.$$
(1.12)

The aim of this article is to prove a similar result for problem (1.1)-(1.7). It is easy to show that (1.1)-(1.7) has a unique local smooth solution with  $u_0 \in H^3$  and  $(n_0, p_0) \in H^2$ . Thus we omit the details here. However, the global regularity is still open, which this paper aims to study. We will prove the following result.

**Theorem 1.4.** Let  $u_0 \in H^3$ ,  $(n_0, p_0) \in H^2$ ,  $n_0, p_0 \ge 0$ , div  $u_0 = 0$  in  $\Omega$ ,  $u_0 \cdot \nu = \frac{\partial n_0}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial p_0}{\partial \nu}$  on  $\partial \Omega$  and  $\int_{\Omega} n_0 dx = \int_{\Omega} p_0 dx$ . Suppose that (u, n, p) is a local smooth solution to (1.1)–(1.7) on [0, T). If T is maximal, then (1.10) and (1.11) hold.

In Section 2, we will give some preliminaries. Section 3 is devoted to the proof of Theorem 1.4.

### 2. Preliminaries

**Lemma 2.1** ([11]). For any  $u \in W^{s,p}$  with div u = 0 in  $\Omega$  and  $u \cdot \nu = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ , there holds

$$||u||_{W^{s,p}} \le C(||u||_{L^p} + ||\operatorname{curl} u||_{W^{s-1,p}})$$

for any  $s \ge 1$  and  $p \in (1, \infty)$ .

**Lemma 2.2** ([12]). Let  $s \ge 1$ . (1) If  $f, g \in H^{s}(\Omega) \cap C(\Omega)$ , then

$$\|fg\|_{H^{s}(\Omega)} \leq C\left(\|f\|_{H^{s}(\Omega)}\|g\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)} + \|f\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)}\|g\|_{H^{s}(\Omega)}\right).$$

(2) If 
$$f \in H^{s}(\Omega) \cap C^{1}(\Omega)$$
 and  $g \in H^{s-1}(\Omega) \cap C(\Omega)$ , then for  $|\alpha| \leq s$ ,

$$\|D^{\alpha}(fg) - fD^{\alpha}g\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \leq C\left(\|f\|_{H^{s}(\Omega)}\|g\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)} + \|f\|_{W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)}\|g\|_{H^{s-1}(\Omega)}\right).$$

**Lemma 2.3** ([8]). For all  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla u\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)} \\ &\leq C \left(1 + \|u\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} + \|\operatorname{curl} u\|_{bmo_{\beta}(\Omega)} + \|\operatorname{curl} u\|_{M_{\Theta}(\Omega\epsilon)}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Theta(\log(e + \|u\|_{H^3(\Omega)}))$$

for all  $u \in H^3(\Omega)$  with div u = 0 in  $\Omega$  and  $u \cdot \nu = 0$  on  $\partial \Omega$ .

**Lemma 2.4** ([8]). There exists a constant  $\epsilon_0$  depending only on  $\Omega$  such that: For all  $0 < \epsilon < \epsilon_0$  and for all  $\rho \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  with  $\rho \equiv 1$  in  $\Omega \setminus \Omega_{\epsilon}$  and  $\rho \equiv 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \Omega$ there exists constant C depending only on  $\epsilon, \rho, \Omega$  and  $\Theta$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla u\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)} &\leq C \Big( 1 + \|u\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} + \|\operatorname{curl} u\|_{bmo_{\beta}(\Omega_{3\epsilon})} + \|\operatorname{curl} u\|_{M_{\Theta}(\Omega_{3\epsilon})} \\ &+ \|\rho\operatorname{curl} u\|_{V_{\Theta}} \Big) \Theta(\log(e + \|u\|_{H^{3}(\Omega)})) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in H^3(\Omega)$  with div u = 0 in  $\Omega$  and  $u \cdot \nu = 0$  on  $\partial \Omega$ .

**Lemma 2.5** ([13]). Let  $\psi$  be nonnegative function on (0,T) with  $\int_0^T \psi(t)dt < \infty$ , let  $\Theta(\alpha)$  be a positive and nondecreasing for  $\alpha \ge 1$  and  $\int^{+\infty} \frac{d\alpha}{\Theta(\alpha)} = \infty$ . Assume that  $v \in C([0,T))$  and

$$0 \le v(t) \le v(0) + \int_0^t \psi(s)\Theta(v(s))ds \quad \text{for all } 0 \le t < T.$$

Then  $\sup_{0 \le t \le T} v(t) < \infty$ .

## 3. Proof of Theorem 1.4

Since the proof of (1.11) is similar to that of (1.10), we only need to prove (1.10). By the standard argument of continuation of local solutions, it suffices to prove that if

$$\int_{0}^{T} \|\omega(t)\|_{bmo_{\beta}(\Omega)} + \|\omega(t)\|_{M_{\Theta}(\Omega\epsilon)} dt < \infty \quad \text{for some } \epsilon > 0,$$
(3.1)

then

$$u \in L^{\infty}(0,T;H^3), \quad (n,p) \in L^{\infty}(0,T;H^2) \cap L^2(0,T;H^3).$$
 (3.2)

First, by the maximum principle, it is easy to prove that  $n, p \ge 0$  in  $\Omega \times (0, \infty)$ .

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Testing (1.3) by n and testing (1.4) by p, using (1.5), (1.2) and summing up the resulting inequality, we easily get

$$\frac{1}{2}\int n^2 + p^2 dx + \int_0^T \int |\nabla n|^2 + |\nabla p|^2 + \frac{1}{2}(p-n)^2(n+p)dxdt \le \frac{1}{2}\int u_0^2 + p_0^2 dx,$$
 whence

$$\|(n,p)\|_{L^{\infty}(0,T;L^2)} + \|(n,p)\|_{L^2(0,T;H^1)} \le C.$$
(3.3)

Testing (1.3) by  $n^{k-1}$  and testing (1.4) by  $p^{k-1}$ , using (1.2), (1.5) and  $n, p \ge 0$ , we find that

$$\int n^{k} + p^{k} dx \le \int n_{0}^{k} + p_{0}^{k} \le \int (n_{0} + p_{0})^{k} dx,$$

which gives

$$\|n\|_{L^k} \le \|n_0 + p_0\|_{L^k}, \quad \|p\|_{L^k} \le \|n_0 + p_0\|_{L^k}.$$

Taking  $k \to \infty$ , we obtain

$$\|(n,p)\|_{L^{\infty}(0,T;L^{\infty})} \le C.$$
(3.4)

Testing (1.1) by u, using (1.2)-(1.5), we infer that

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}\int u^2 + |\nabla\phi|^2 dx + \int |\Delta\phi|^2 + (n+p)|\nabla\phi|^2 dx = 0,$$
(3.5)

which leads to

$$\|u\|_{L^{\infty}(0,T;L^2)} \le C. \tag{3.6}$$

It follows from (3.5), (3.4), (3.3) and (1.5) that

$$\nabla \phi \in L^{\infty}(0,T; H^1 \cap L^{\infty}) \cap L^2(0,T; H^2).$$
 (3.7)

Testing (1.3) by  $-\Delta n$ , using (1.2), (1.5), (1.6), (3.4) and (3.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}\int |\nabla n|^2 dx + \int |\Delta n|^2 dx \\ &= \int (u \cdot \nabla)n \cdot \Delta n dx + \int (n\Delta \phi + \nabla n \cdot \nabla \phi)\Delta n dx \\ &= \sum_{i,j}\int u_i \partial_i n \partial_j^2 n dx + \int (n\Delta \phi + \nabla n \cdot \nabla \phi)\Delta n dx \\ &= -\sum_{i,j}\int \partial_j u_i \partial_i n \partial_j n dx + \int (n(n-p) + \nabla n \cdot \nabla \phi)\Delta n dx \\ &\leq C \|\nabla u\|_{L^{\infty}} \|\nabla n\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\Delta n\|_{L^2} + C \|\nabla n\|_{L^2} \|\nabla \phi\|_{L^{\infty}} \|\Delta n\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|\Delta n\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla u\|_{L^{\infty}} \|\nabla n\|_{L^2}^2 + C + C \|\nabla n\|_{L^2}^2, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int |\nabla n|^2 dx + \int |\Delta n|^2 dx \le C + C \|\nabla n\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla n\|_{L^2}^2.$$
(3.8)

Similarly for the p-equation, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int |\nabla p|^2 dx + \int |\Delta p|^2 dx \le C + C \|\nabla p\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla p\|_{L^2}^2.$$
(3.9)

Equations (1.3) and (1.6) can be rewritten as

$$\Delta n = f := \partial_t n + u \cdot \nabla n + \nabla \cdot (n \nabla \phi), \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty)$$

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial \nu}=0, \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega \times (0,\infty).$$

By the classical regularity theory of elliptic equation, using (3.6), (3.4) and (3.7), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \|n\|_{H^{3}} &\leq C\|f\|_{H^{1}} \\ &\leq C\|\partial_{t}n\|_{H^{1}} + C\|u \cdot \nabla n\|_{H^{1}} + C\|\nabla \cdot (n\nabla\phi)\|_{H^{1}} \\ &\leq C\|\partial_{t}n\|_{H^{1}} + C\|u\|_{L^{2}}\|\nabla n\|_{L^{\infty}} + C\|u\|_{L^{6}}\|\Delta n\|_{L^{3}} \\ &+ C\|\nabla u\|_{L^{\infty}}\|\nabla n\|_{L^{2}} + C\|n\Delta\phi\|_{L^{2}} + C\|\nabla n \cdot \nabla\phi\|_{L^{2}} \\ &+ C\|n\|_{L^{\infty}}\|\nabla\Delta\phi\|_{L^{2}} + C\|\nabla n\|_{L^{\infty}}\|\nabla^{2}\phi\|_{L^{2}} + C\|\nabla\phi\|_{L^{6}}\|\Delta n\|_{L^{3}} \\ &\leq C\|\partial_{t}n\|_{H^{1}} + C\|\nabla n\|_{L^{\infty}} + C\|u\|_{L^{6}}\|\Delta n\|_{L^{3}} \\ &+ C\|\nabla u\|_{L^{\infty}}\|\nabla n\|_{L^{2}} + C + C\|\nabla n\|_{L^{2}} \\ &+ C\|\nabla u\|_{L^{\infty}}\|\nabla n\|_{L^{2}} + C + C\|\nabla n\|_{L^{2}} \end{aligned}$$
(3.10)

Now we use the following Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequalities:

$$\|\nabla n\|_{L^{\infty}} \le C \|n\|_{L^{\infty}}^{1/3} \|n\|_{H^3}^{2/3}, \qquad (3.11)$$

$$\|\nabla n\|_{L^3} \le C \|n\|_{L^\infty}^{1/3} \|n\|_{H^3}^{2/3}, \tag{3.12}$$

$$\|u\|_{L^6}^3 \le C \|u\|_{L^2}^2 \|u\|_{H^3}.$$
(3.13)

It follows from (3.10), (3.11), (3.12), (3.13), (3.6), (3.4) and the Young inequality that  $\|n\|_{H^3} \leq C \|\partial_t n\|_{H^1} + C + C \|u\|_{H^3} + C \|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla n\|_{L^2}$ (2.14)

$$||_{H^3} \le C ||_{\mathcal{O}_t} n||_{H^1} + C + C ||_{\mathcal{U}} ||_{H^3} + C ||_{\mathcal{V}} u||_{L^{\infty}} ||_{\mathcal{V}} n||_{L^2} + C ||_{\nabla} n||_{L^2} + C ||_{\nabla} p||_{L^2}.$$

$$(3.14)$$

Similarly to the p- equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|p\|_{H^3} &\leq C \|\partial_t p\|_{H^1} + C + C \|u\|_{H^3} + C \|\nabla u\|_{L^{\infty}} \|\nabla p\|_{L^2} \\ &+ C \|\nabla n\|_{L^2} + C \|\nabla p\|_{L^2}. \end{aligned}$$
(3.15)

Applying the curl to (1.1), using (1.2), we obtain

$$\partial_t \omega + u \cdot \nabla \omega = \omega \cdot \nabla u + \operatorname{curl}(\Delta \phi \nabla \phi). \tag{3.16}$$

Applying  $\Delta$  to (3.16), testing by  $\Delta \omega$ , using (1.2), we find that

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int |\Delta\omega|^2 dx = -\int (\Delta(u \cdot \nabla\omega) - u \nabla \Delta\omega) \Delta\omega dx 
+ \int \Delta(\omega \cdot \nabla u) \cdot \Delta\omega dx + \int \Delta \operatorname{curl}(\Delta\phi\nabla\phi) \cdot \Delta\omega dx 
\leq (\|\Delta(u \cdot \nabla\omega) - u \nabla\Delta\omega\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta(\omega \cdot \nabla u)\|_{L^2} 
+ \|\Delta \operatorname{curl}(\Delta\phi\nabla\phi)\|_{L^2}) \|\Delta\omega\|_{L^2} 
=: (I_1 + I_2 + I_3) \|\Delta\omega\|_{L^2}.$$
(3.17)

Using (1.2) and Lemma 2.2,  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  can be bounded as follows.

$$I_{1} = \sum_{i} \|\Delta \partial_{i}(u_{i}\omega) - u_{i}\partial_{i}\Delta \omega\|_{L^{2}}$$
  

$$\leq C \|\nabla u\|_{L^{\infty}} \|\Delta \omega\|_{L^{2}} + C \|\omega\|_{L^{\infty}} \|\nabla^{3}u\|_{L^{2}}$$
  

$$\leq C \|\nabla u\|_{L^{\infty}} \|u\|_{H^{3}},$$
  

$$I_{2} \leq C \|\omega\|_{L^{\infty}} \|u\|_{H^{3}} + C \|\nabla u\|_{L^{\infty}} \|\omega\|_{H^{2}} \leq C \|\nabla u\|_{L^{\infty}} \|u\|_{H^{3}}.$$

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Noting that

$$\Delta \phi \cdot \nabla \phi = \sum_{i,j} \partial_j (\partial_j \phi \partial_i \phi) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \partial_i (\partial_j \phi)^2,$$

using Lemma 2.2 and (3.7), we have

$$I_3 \le C \|\nabla \phi\|_{L^{\infty}} \|\nabla \phi\|_{H^4} \le C \|\nabla \phi\|_{H^4} \le C \|\phi\|_{H^5} \le C \|n - p\|_{H^3}.$$

Inserting the above estimates into (3.17), we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}\int |\Delta\omega|^2 dx \le C(\|\nabla u\|_{L^{\infty}}\|u\|_{H^3} + \|n - p\|_{H^3})\|\Delta\omega\|_{L^2}.$$
(3.18)

Testing (1.1) by  $\partial_t u$ , using (1.2), (3.6), (3.7) and (3.13), we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial_{t}u\|_{L^{2}} &\leq \|\Delta\phi\nabla\phi\|_{L^{2}} + \|u\cdot\nabla u\|_{L^{2}} \\ &\leq \|\nabla\phi\|_{L^{\infty}}\|\Delta\phi\|_{L^{2}} + \|u\|_{L^{6}}\|\nabla u\|_{L^{3}} \\ &\leq C + C\|u\|_{L^{2}}^{2/3}\|u\|_{H^{3}}^{1/3}\|u\|_{L^{2}}^{1/2}\|u\|_{H^{3}}^{1/2} \\ &\leq C + C\|u\|_{H^{3}}^{5/6}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.19)$$

Here we have used the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality

 $\|\nabla u\|_{L^3}^2 \le C \|u\|_{L^2} \|u\|_{H^3}.$ 

Applying  $\partial_t$  to (1.3), we see that

$$\partial_t^2 n + u \cdot \nabla \partial_t n - \Delta \partial_t n = -\partial_t u \cdot \nabla n - \nabla \cdot \partial_t (n \nabla \phi).$$

Testing the above equation by  $\partial_t n$ , using (1.2), (1.6), (3.4), (3.7), (3.19) and (1.5), we derive

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}\int(\partial_t n)^2 dx + \int |\nabla\partial_t n|^2 dx \\ &= -\int(\partial_t u \cdot \nabla)n \cdot \partial_t n dx + \int \partial_t (n\nabla\phi) \cdot \nabla\partial_t n dx \\ &= \int \partial_t u \cdot n\nabla\partial_t n dx + \int \partial_t (n\nabla\phi) \cdot \partial_t n dx \\ &\leq (\|n\|_{L^{\infty}} \|\partial_t u\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla\phi\|_{L^{\infty}} \|\partial_t n\|_{L^2} + \|n\|_{L^{\infty}} \|\nabla\partial_t \phi\|_{L^2}) \|\nabla\partial_t n\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C(\|\partial_t u\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_t n\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_t (n-p)\|_{L^2}) \|\nabla\partial_t n\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla\partial_t n\|_{L^2}^2 + C + C \|u\|_{H^3}^2 + C \|\partial_t n\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\partial_t p\|_{L^2}^2, \end{aligned}$$

whence

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int |\partial_t n|^2 dx + \int |\nabla \partial_t n|^2 dx \le C + C \|u\|_{H^3}^2 + C \|\partial_t (n, p)\|_{L^2}^2.$$
(3.20)

Similarly, for the p-equation, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int (\partial_t p)^2 dx + \int |\nabla \partial_t p|^2 dx \le C + C \|u\|_{H^3}^2 + C \|\partial_t (n, p)\|_{L^2}^2.$$
(3.21)

Combining (3.8), (3.9), (3.14), (3.15), (3.18), (3.20) and (3.21), using (3.6), Lemma 2.1, Lemma 2.3, and Lemma 2.5, we conclude that (3.2) holds. This completes the proof.

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